REFERENCE TO THE DEMISE OF MR. JOHN JOSEPH.

PRESIDENT: Honourable members of the Legislature may be aware of the demise of one of our colleagues Mr. John Joseph. He was the General Secretary of the Cheramar Mahajana Sanghom, Perukada, Trivandrum, and was an earnest worker for the uplift of the backward Christians especially Cheramars, and his advice and assistance were greatly appreciated by Government. He was a man with great zeal and took very live interest in his work. We shall be doing our duty in recording our sense of the loss sustained by the House on the death of Mr. John Joseph. I am sure the House will authorise me to communicate the resolution to the members of his family.

The resolution was passed *nem con*, the whole House standing.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

PRESIDENT: I have received notices of two adjournment motions, both relating to the question of unemployment of a large number of people engaged in the manufacture of coir yarn. Messrs. Murukumpuzha Kunjukrishnan and K. Narayanaperumal Nadar are the authors of the motions.

Both these honourable members were good enough to meet me and I explained to them what is being done with regard to the plight of these unemployed persons by Government who are fully aware of the desperate nature of their strait. But there are however certain negotiations pending and certain steps are being taken with regard to the alleviation of their condition. Certain correspondence is proceeding between this Government and outside authorities which are still incomplete. I was asking the honourable members if they will consider the advice if I undertake to give them, if necessary, a further opportunity of bringing forward this question after more information has been collected on the matter.

Negotiations have proceeded a step further and I would like to know if they would be willing to postpone the consideration of this motion keeping in mind the view that the Government are perfectly aware of the difficulties indicated by the honourable members and are trying to do their best to meet the difficult situation. But if the honourable members wish to move it I shall allow the discussion. I leave the decision to the honourable members.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: In view of the assurance that this matter is being considered by the Government and every possible help will be rendered and that this House will be given another occasion to discuss the matter, if necessary, I do not move it.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: In view of the assurance by the Dewan-President, that steps will be taken for redressing the grievances of the Alleppey labourers, I beg to withdraw the motion.

PRESIDENT: As the House will adjourn at 1 o' clock today, there may not be sufficient time for the prosecution of the official

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legislative business unless honourable members are willing to sit tomorrow and day after tomorrow. It entirely depends upon the honourable members. I do not want to interfere with the susceptibility of honourable members. If honourable members are anxious to go on with the legislative business and finish it, it is for the honourable members to suggest a method and I am willing to abide by such suggestions as may be useful. It is entirely for the House to decide. Otherwise what would happen is this. On the 23rd July, the budget has to be presented and practically until the 7th of August we shall be busy with the same, and later discussion on the Bill will have to take place only after the 7th August. So the days available are only today and Monday. If honourable members feel confident that they can prosecute the business to a successful conclusion by that time, they can do so. Otherwise it is for them to suggest any other steps to be taken.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): About the work on Sunday, I think it has to be decided more by the opinion of the Christian members.

PRESIDENT: It is entirely for the honourable members to decide it. Let it not be understood that I am trying to suggest anything, which might be offensive to the feelings or sentiments of any community. I am not going to influence the decision in any manner.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: സർ, ഈ ബില്ലിന്റെ പ്രാധാന്യത്തെ പരിഗണിക്കുമ്പോൾ ഞായറാഴ്ച ഉച്ചതിരിഞ്ഞ് അതിനെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ള വാദപ്രതിവാദം തുടരുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് വിരോധമില്ലെന്നാണ് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Peermade*): I am sorry I have to differ from the opinion of Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju.

PRESIDENT: I do not like that any discussion or controversy should arise with regard to this matter. If between now and the time that the House adjourns, honourable members can come to any understanding, it is well and good. But if they cannot come to any definite conclusion, then the House will not sit tomorrow. In other words, until I am asked by a considerable section of the members of the community affected, the House will not sit tomorrow.

The 2nd of August was not a holiday when the original legislative programme was fixed. But according to the recent changes in the list of holidays, it is now a Hindu holiday. I have a suggestion that the Hindu members may perhaps consent not to raise any objection to holding the meeting on the 2nd of August because otherwise it will give rise to serious inconveniences in the matter of legislative business. I would like to know from the Hindu members whether they have any objection to sit on the 2nd of August

MR. KANIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: We have no objection, Sir.

PRESIDENT: In the absence of any objection, the 2nd of August will be a working day so far as the Assembly is concerned.

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